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SUBJECT: EFFECTS OF ENERGY SITUATION ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE

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1. IN A MEETING OF ALL THE COMMODITY DIVISIONS OF THE EC COMMIS-
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NING OF THIS WEEK, THE EFFECTS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON THE COMMUNITY'S

AGRICULTURE WERE DISCUSSED. FOLLOWING ARE THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN THIS MEETING.

2. AT PRESENT, NO BRANCH OF THE COMMUNITY'S AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ENERGY CRISIS EXCEPT HOTHOUSES HORTICULTURE AND SLAUGHTER PLANTS. HOTHOUSES, PARTICULARLY IN THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM, ARE SERIOUSLY SUFFERING FROM FUEL SHORTAGES. MOREOVER, SLAUGHTER PLANTS ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES DUE TO REDUCED ELECTRICITY AND FUEL SUPPLIES.

3. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE ENERGY SUPPLY TO AGRICULTURE WILL WORSEN DURING THE NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

4. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT DUE TO THE LARGE INCREASE IN FERTILIZER PRICES, THE USE OF FERTILIZER WILL DECLINE IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR LEADING TO LOWER ACREAGE YIELDS AND HENCE TO LOWER PRODUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY.

5. THE OPINION WAS EXPRESSED THAT HIGH PRICES OF FERTILIZERS MAY LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN U.S. SOYBEAN ACREAGE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CORN ACREAGE--A POSITIVE FACTOR FROM EUROPE'S STANDPOINT.

6. THERE WAS ALSO A CONSENSUS THAT THE ENERGY SHORTAGE AND THE HIGH PRICE OF FERTILIZERS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT IN THE LDC'S. GREENWALD

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